

California Bay-Delta Authority

Facts

The California Bay-Delta Authority is a new agency established to oversee implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The Program is a collaborative state-federal effort to implement a long-term, comprehensive plan to restore the ecological health of the Bay-Delta system and improve water quality and water supply reliability.

Authority Membership

- Representatives of 6 state agencies
 - California Resources Agency*
 - California Environmental Protection Agency*
 - California Department of Water Resources*
 - California Department of Fish and Game*
 - California Department of Health Services*
 - California Department of Food and Agriculture*
- Representatives of 6 federal agencies
 - U.S. Department of the Interior*
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX*
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
 - U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region*
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*
 - U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service*
- 5 public members, one representing each of the Program regions
- 1 representative of the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee
- 2 at-large members appointed by the Senate and Assembly
- 4 non-voting members of the Legislature

Responsibilities

- Provide accountability
- Ensure balanced implementation
- Provide program tracking, monitoring and assessment
- Use sound science
- Assure public involvement and outreach
- Coordinate and integrate existing and future government programs

Other Provisions

- Public Advisory Committee provides input on Program implementation
- Independent Science Board provides independent scientific review
- Authority sunsets on January 1, 2006, unless federal legislation is passed authorizing federal participation